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FRANK G. CARPENTER'S LETTER.

# THE EVIL EYE

ITS GLANCE BRINGS DISEASE AND DEATH, BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO AVOID IT.

A Queer Belief Which Prevails Throughout Palestine. Silver Hands and Blue Beads as Charms—How Satan Hates Alum—Spirits Who Live Under Ground—A Marriage in a Cemetery—Superstitious Pilgrims—In the Church of the Holy Sepulchre—Images Covered With Diamonds—At the Tomb of Our Savior.

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JERUSALEM, Nov. 4.—Have you ever heard of the Evil Eye? It is abroad in the Holy Land, and a glance from it will bring you misfortune. It will lame your horse, cow or camel, and it may cause your child to sicken or die. It can ruin your health or your business, and it may even send your soul to eternal damnation. Those who possess the evil eye are devils incarnate, but you cannot tell who they are. They go about in the shape of innocent-looking men, women and children, and you will not realize that their spells have been cast upon you until misfortune comes.

Guarding Against the Evil Eye. This belief exists throughout Palestine and is common in this part of the world. Every house in Jerusalem, whether Jew, Moslem or Christian, contains charms to ward off such spells, and every man, woman and child carries a talisman to keep off the witches. Some of these charms are in the shape of a hand, coming from an old Jewish belief or saying that the hand of God will arrest all disasters, and of a Mohammedan one calling upon the hand of Fatima, the daughter of the prophet, to guard them from evil. Silver hands are sold as charms and the better classes wear hands of gold tied to their necks. Every Jerusalem house has a painting or carving of a hand on its front door to keep off the

evil eye; and in the new houses which are now going up they are putting hands over the windows, and also at the front doors. They hang blue charms over each door, which contains an egg, a piece of alum, some garlic and a large blue bead.

How Satan Hates Blue.

Blue is believed to be a color which frightens the devil. These people think that anything blue will ward off the evil eye, and for this reason horses, donkeys and camels have strings of blue beads round their necks. Every horse and donkey I have ridden since I set foot in the Holy Land has been decorated with blue beads, each as big as the nail of my thumb. As he jumped about he broke the string and the beads fell off and were lost. The driver went back to look for them and hunted in vain. He was troubled during the rest of the day, and when toward evening the evil eye got a stone in his foot and went lame, he said it was the evil eye, which might have been kept off had the beads remained on. I saw many children here wearing blue beads, and they have some beads which are of the shape of an eye. There is one special kind made in Hebron, which is very effective. It is a bead of blue glass of the shape of a hand with five fingers. It is worn as a charm.

Some of the children are clad in blue gowns with white circles stamped on them. Every store has some blue inside it, and in some a silver hand is hung up on the walls. The bride wears blue beads at her wedding, and in wedding processions salt, rice and sugar plums are thrown at the bride and bridegroom to keep off the evil eye and bring luck.

Alum and Other Charms.

I have been warned that I should always have some alum in my pocket. This is a charm which will keep off the witches, and it is usually carried along with the blue beads. Some beads are made with a small piece of alum inside them, and people who are ashamed to show their belief in the beads often carry alum in their pockets. If a child goes without charms the mother is greatly alarmed, and if she thinks that some one has cast an evil eye on it, she takes a bit of the child's clothes and burns it with incense and a small piece of alum. She first prays over the child, waving this about as she does so. She then throws the charm into an open fire and holds the child over it. As the alum burns it gives off a smoke which takes certain shapes and the mother believes that by looking at them she can learn who has cast the evil eye on her child. This same process is gone through with by pretty girls who feel ill on coming home from a call. They work this charm to find out who has cast a spell on them.

One of the most common guards against the evil eye is a text from the Bible or the Koran. One from the latter is some Arabic words which mean "Break the spell of the eye," and another which is "By the blessings of God." These phrases are written and framed and hung up in many of the houses. They are carved upon furniture. For the same reason it is customary to use the name of God at the beginning of every sentence, which contains the name of one's friend. The Jews carry about texts of the Scriptures. The Christians have relics of saints, and some of the natives here think they have pieces of the true cross.

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grave while the bridegroom stood on the other. Standing thus the marriage vows were exchanged. Two more ceremonies were planned, but it is difficult to get willing couples, as such marriages are supposed to be disastrous. Nevertheless, the charm seems to be working. The wind has changed since the first ceremony occurred, and it may rain by and by.

Superstitious Pilgrims. Not only the natives, but also the pilgrims, who come here by the 10,000 a year, are superstitious. The most of them believe that every spot pointed out by the monks is the actual locality of the event alleged to have occurred there. The pilgrims come from all parts of western Asia and Africa, as well as from Greece and the islands of the Mediterranean sea. They walk over the Holy Land with staffs in their hands, and kneel down and kiss the place where they believe Jesus trod. They then kiss the stones of the streets here, not knowing, nor forgetting that there have been three or four Jerusalem buried below the site of the present one.

I have seen these pilgrims crawling on their knees through the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. They creep into the vestibule and kiss the stone of the unctio upon which it is claimed the body of Christ was anointed for burial. The stone is set in the floor and much of its surface has been worn away by the kissing. Not a few of the pilgrims from Russia bring linen clothes with them just large enough to make a shroud. They lay these on the stone and think them blessed by the contact. They will carry the cloth back home and be buried in it, believing that such a shroud will be a sure passport to heaven.

Near the stone of unctio is the spot on which it is said the Virgin Mary sat as a chair and about as big around as a four gallon crock. This is the center of the world, and is honored as kissing it, and further on observed the place where the Virgin Mary must wear out. Kisses are pressed upon these spots by thousands of mouths every day, and if every ill leaves its microbes all the diseases of the world must be in the bacteria here.

Covered With Diamonds.

It is hard to estimate the value of the offerings which the pilgrims lay on these shrines. Those who come are of all classes, and some bring the savings of years. The poor lay their pennies in the hands of the priests and drop them in the slot boxes which may be seen at almost every corner. There is much gold and precious stones. A life size image of the Virgin Mary which I saw in the Greek church was covered with diamonds. The image was made of wax, and was dressed in satins and silks. Its face was painted. An oval pearl as big as the end of my thumb hung on the forehead, while the waxen fingers held a score or more of rings. Some of the rings were set with diamonds, some with sapphires and rubies, and others with opals. Opals in Palestine are looked upon as the sign of good luck and not bad, as with us. The most of the rings were costly and each was presented to the Virgin as a love offering. On the silver lap of the image lay a great golden heart as thick as my fist and about six inches in diameter. It was studded with emeralds and diamonds. This heart is a present from Franz Joseph, the emperor of Austria, who has made many costly gifts to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In the grotto of the Church

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tion which had begun to take place before the corpse came to life.

The Tomb of the Savior.

It is under the dome of this church that lies the tomb of the Savior. It is enclosed in a chapel of an ivory white marble, which stands in the center of the rotunda. It is perhaps 15 feet high and 25 feet in length and 17 in width. It is entered through a door so low that you have to stoop to go in, and you finally come into a chamber six feet square and lighted only by candles. This is the alleged tomb of the Savior. It is covered with a marble slab over which glass has been set to keep the lips of the pilgrims from wearing the stone. There are always priests here, and those who come in are sprinkled with holy water. Every worshiper brings rosaries, beads and holy pictures, and these are laid upon the tomb to be blessed. I saw one old woman totter in with a half bushel bag full of rosaries on her back, and a flower-headed, long-bearded man came behind her, carrying all he could carry. These they spread out on the slab, and then knelt, while the priest sprinkled the beads and gave them his blessing. Before leaving they dropped some coins into his hand. They were Russians and they will probably carry these rosaries back home to their friends.

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Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 12.—The local Y. M. C. A. building will be informally opened on December 1.

TOMBSTONE BUSINESS MEN

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